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MAGNETIC BEAD-BASED ARRAY

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## SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 19 without prejudice.

## **REMARKS**

Claim 19 was mistakenly included in the preliminary amendment filed with the application. Applicants note that pending claim 19 is identical to original claim 9, which was cancelled by the co-filed preliminary amendment. Applicants therefore respectfully request

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that pending claim 19 be cancelled, and that this claim not be considered for the calculation of fees for this application.

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